



The LWVCC June Member Update

We were pleased to have a good turnout for our Annual Meeting on June 15. **Chris Baxter**, Editor of [Spotlight PA](#) gave us an informative and challenging presentation. If you missed it you can watch the replay on our website. We encourage you to follow Spotlight PA's nonpartisan coverage of the PA government. We're following and supporting Spotlight PA! Note that their newsletters are covering the proposed changes to the Election Code. (See some details below under "Pennsylvania")

Special shout out to our outgoing officer, **Marion Sheridan**, who served as Secretary of LWVCC for four years. Marion stepped up to shoulder these responsibilities and was always there for us with good humor. We are thankful that Marion will continue in her role as a co-leader of outreach to high school students on behalf of the League. Thanks, Marion!

A special welcome to our **new members** this month: Cathleen Cahill and Sylvia Neely. We continue to grow!

Centre County:

At our **Annual Membership Meeting** we elected our officers for the coming year: Presiding Officer, Jan Koch; Vice Presiding Officer, Laura Brown; Secretary, Sue Sargo; and Treasurer, Sue Floyd. Congratulations to all! We also adopted our Annual Budget and Annual Plan. If you missed the meeting you can view these documents on our website under "[About, Governing Documents](#)"

We hope to enlist your support on one of our new Teams:

1. *Issues*
2. *Voter Registration and Education*
3. *Postcard Team*

4. *Educational Forums and Speakers*
5. *New Member Involvement*

If you'd like additional information about any of these teams or would like to express your interest in joining one, please email: lwvcentrecounty@gmail.com. It is only through your involvement that we can continue to make an impact in Centre County and beyond.

Pennsylvania:

The LWV of Pennsylvania (LWVPA) **Biennial Convention** was held on June 18-19. The LWVPA elected officers, approved a budget for the coming year and handled other business as appropriate. The LWVPA in the interest of downsizing and cost reduction sold its building in Harrisburg. The staff will continue to operate remotely for now. Of note, the bylaws were changed to remove the category of Associate Member. We will be notifying our associate members during the calendar year to see if they are willing to become full voting members.

The PA legislature is moving forward with **changes to the Election Code in [HB1300](#)**, The Voting Rights Protection Act. Key provisions of this bill are:

- Requiring every voter to show ID at the polls (currently only required in PA for first-time voters)
- A pre-canvassing rule, that would allow counties a five-day head start on mail ballot processing (sought by vote processing officials)
- Five days of in-person early voting, beginning after the 2024 presidential election
- Mail ballot drop boxes for seven days before Election Day
- Eliminating the state's permanent mail-in voting list
- Moving up the voter registration deadline from 15 days before Election Day to 30
- Moving up the deadline for requesting mail ballots from seven days before Election Day to 15
- Allowing voters to fix mail ballots with missing signatures
- Establishing a Bureau of Election Audits under the state attorney general's office
- Allowing counties to open satellite election offices
- Requiring signature verification for mail ballots
- And banning counties from accepting private donations for election administration

An effort is underway to enable the tracking of millions of dollars in taxpayer-funded expenses incurred by Pennsylvania lawmakers each year, a notoriously difficult task currently, as detailed in a yearlong and ongoing Spotlight PA and The Caucus investigation. The new measure, with bipartisan support, would require the House and Senate chief clerks to post spending information online for the public to see. Spotlight PA and The Caucus report leaders of both chambers say they plan to do something similar but separate. The commonwealth and its voters will only benefit from more transparency.

We encourage you to make your opinions known to your PA House and Senate representatives.

National:

The [LWV supports the passage of S1, the For the People Act](#), in the Senate.

"This bill will protect voting rights, eliminate dark money in our elections, restore transparency and accountability in our government, and curb partisan and racial gerrymandering once and for all." Members are urged to contact their Senators to embrace this important bill. We encourage you to convey your support for S1 to [Senator Casey](#) and [Senator Toomey](#).

Important Dates:

July 20 - Steering Committee Meeting
August 17 - Steering Committee Meeting
September 21 - Steering Committee Meeting
October 19 - Steering Committee Meeting
Nov 2 - **MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

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